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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which is now entering the U.S. National Stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 371, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 6-102506 published in Japan on April 15, 1994;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-504698 published in Japan on February 12, 2002;
- C. U.S. Patent No. 5,648,858 issued to Shibata et al. on July 15, 1997;
- D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 8-054517 published in Japan on February 27, 1996;
- E. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 9-055110 published in Japan on February 25, 1997;
- F. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 11-219609 published in Japan on August 10, 1999;

G. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-042310 published in Japan on February 16, 2001;

H. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-277871 published in Japan on September 25, 2002; and

I. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2004-192827 published in Japan on July 8, 2004.

The above-listed prior art A and B are not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of these prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Nonetheless, an English language abstract of prior art A is attached to the copy thereof. In addition, for prior art B, corresponding PCT publication No. WO 99/42861 is attached.


The prior art C-I are in Japanese, and the English translation of each one of these prior art is not available at this time to the undersigned. However, an English language abstract is attached to each one of these non-English prior art. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of each one of the prior art C-I is omitted herein.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,
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